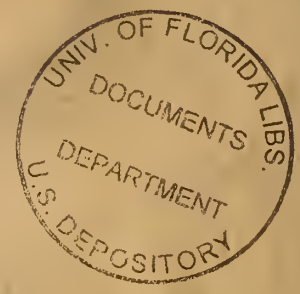


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Ideas Equal Progress

A new decade is unfolding and the Army Security Agency will undoubtedly progress significantly while the new decade passes. However, with the dawning of the seventies, new problems will appear. In the last decade millions of dollars were lost because of confusion and inefficiency in dealing with similar problems.

Conversely, there are many inventive people in ASA who produce substantial savings each year by applying what has been termed "good old American know-how or ingenuity," but is actually only good common sense.

Rewards for suggestions that are accepted are given on an individual basis. Suggestions are not eligible for consideration if they appear to be of the complaint type, or propose changes in housekeeping practices, personal comfort and employee services unrelated to productivity.

In fiscal year 1969, there was a slight decrease in both participation and adoption rates for suggestions. There has been a sharp decrease in suggestion rates for fiscal year 1970 already.

Despite the decrease in 1969, total cash awards to members of ASA were over \$17,000, while the total cash benefits—that is, the amount of money the suggestions saved—were over \$95,000.

Use some common sense and ingenuity. The next time you work on your car engine or jet engine, drink a glass of water, go fishing, or see smoke rising from an incinerator, think of a way to help and then submit your suggestion.

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Tops the Best ✓

USASA Military Wife of The Year



Mrs. Christopher C. Bell Jr., of Ft. Devens, Mass., is the Military Wife of The Year for the U.S. Army Security Agency.

A native of Parmele, N.C., the former Blanche Oneal Jones is a graduate of Norfolk State Junior College. She and Major Christopher C. Bell Jr., have been married for 15 years and have three children.

Mrs. Bell was chosen from USASA wives all over the world by a selection panel comprised of the wives of senior commissioned and non-commissioned officers at Arlington Hall Station. She will now represent the command in the Department of the Army's Wife of the Year competition.

The winner of this contest will be announced February 1. The winner's nomination also will be entered for final competition for the Department of Defense Military Wife of The Year, to be selected in May.

Each year the winner is the military wife whose actions contributed most toward improving people-to-people relationships wherever the military couple was stationed. Mrs. Bell has continuously made such contributions through her unceasing work with various civic, educational, social and religious organizations.

Mrs. Bell is currently engaged in many of these activities at Ft. Devens. As president of the Protestant Women of the Chapel, she heads a group of 40

women whose many programs range from promoting fellowship and nourishing faith, to providing home-made snacks and Christmas trees to the patients at Ft. Devens Army Hospital, many of whom are Vietnam evacuees. She also is a Sunday School teacher for what she terms "a most challenging and hopeful group of five-year-olds." She has been engaged in this capacity for 10 consecutive years.

An avid scouting enthusiast, Mrs. Bell has served in several capacities. During her husband's first tour at Ft. Devens, she was a Cub Scout den mother and, for her service, was presented with the Den Leaders Training Award and the Instructors Certificate. Later, while MAJ Bell was in Vietnam, she personally established the now flourishing Cub Scout Pack 85 in Portsmouth, Va. At present, she is the chairman of the Nominating and Resource Committee for the Ft. Devens Girl Scout program.

For the past three years, she also has served in a variety of jobs as a Red Cross volunteer. In 1968, she was the publicity chairman for the Red Cross Volunteer Council. During her tenure, among other things, she compiled a book entitled "Red Cross Volunteers in Action."

Recalling her most memorable and rewarding experiences as an Army wife, Mrs. Bell had this to say:

"While awaiting quarters in Toul, France, my husband and I lived for nine months in the town of Metz. Being the only Americans in this community, we invited our neighbors into our home and they received us into their homes.

"My French improved and our friendship blossomed. We became close friends, sharing recipes, customs and the like.

"As expected, we were asked, 'Why is there a Negro problem in America?' Despite their limited understanding of English, we managed to explain the nature of the present race problem as we saw it. We told them of our dream for future racial equality.

"I felt that each person who listened left our presence with a new faith in America. This personal type of good will flowed from person to person. It seemed to me that an American Negro like myself, expressing a deep and real faith in America's future, proved that the dream was coming true."

Mrs. Bell's many activities are representative of the countless contributions being made by ASA and other military wives throughout the world. To care, to educate, to learn, and to hope, are truly wonderful gifts. Especially, when women such as she so generously bestow them upon others. ■



pass in review

A roundup of ASA news from Hallmark correspondents

GERMANY

Frankfurt—Brigadier General Thomas K. Trigg assumed command of ASA Europe in a formal ceremony held on December 1st.

Although BG Trigg is not the first general officer to occupy the top spot in Europe, he is the first "Commanding General."

Gone forever is the designation, Chief, ASA Europe. The more descriptive "CG" title has been adopted along with the upgrading of the various headquarters staff elements to the status of a General Staff.

The 54-year-old general comes to his new post from HQ STRATCOM, Europe, where he served as CG.

BG Trigg succeeds former Chief, Colonel George R. Hamer, who will remain as deputy commander.

Frankfurt—Specialist 5 Ralph Gayner of the 507th Group was awarded \$195 for his suggestion. This set a new high for cash payments received in USASA Europe under the Army Suggestion Program.

Bad Aibling—Specialist 4 James K. Lummis was awarded the Soldier's Medal in November for rescuing a fellow soldier from drowning.

The incident occurred last May

while a group of soldiers were swimming. Lummis promptly answered a call for help from his comrades who noticed that a fellow soldier was in trouble about 30 yards from shore.

Swimming to the spot where the man was last seen, Lummis dove to a depth of 10-12 feet and found the drowning soldier. He dragged the limp body to the surface and with the assistance of other comrades, he took the victim to shore where first aid was administered.

SP4 Lummis is now serving a tour of duty in Thailand.

Bad Aibling—Company B had three reenlistments during November.

It all began November 7 when Specialist 5 Elmer H. Huskey reenlisted for three years and ended on November 10 with Specialist 6 Robert W. Nelson signing up for three and, the recipient of \$10,000, Specialist 5 David J. Sato reenlisting for six more years.

NEW JERSEY

Ft. Dix—Private Gene W. Johanson, a USASA enlistee, can look back on his basic training with a sense of pride. Two weeks after being selected Outstanding Trainee for the week of Nov. 10, he was named the honor graduate of the leadership course.



Fort Huachuca—HQ Co, USASATEC, won first prize in the units category of the Outdoor Christmas Decorating Contest with their stagecoach design. Pictured here are the personnel who helped construct the display. Front row (left to right) COL Leonard J. Fischer, SP5 Alan Akiyama, SP5 Thos. Little and SSG Melvin Mills. Second row Mr. Floyd George, SFC Leo Corby and 1LT Blas Urquidez.

JAPAN

Kuma Station—Staff Sergeant Daniel Puryer, FS Chitose, received \$410 for a suggestion which has been adopted by the agency's Materiel Support Command at Vint Hill Farms Station, Virginia.

ALASKA

Shemya—Specialist 5 Charles E. Atkins has learned that suggestions pay off. He recently received \$200 for his first suggestion.

OKINAWA

Sobe—A ceremony in honor of Sergeant Major Gerald E. Germain (shown at left) was held recently to commend him for donating over 6½ gallons of his blood during the past 20 years of his military service.

This total is nearly five times the amount of blood required by the average adult.

Colonel Jack P. Lansford, commanding officer of the field station, presented SGM Germain with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Medical Command, together with another membership in the Gallon Club.



"You're down about a quart, Sergeant Major." . . . "Oh? I usually get about two years to the gallon!"

MASSACHUSETTS

Ft. Devens—Holding the distinction of being the first master Army aviator to be assigned here is Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jimmie Elbert Johnson.

A career soldier from Birmingham, Ala., Mr. Johnson has served 23 years in the Army. During the past 16 years, he has flown 9,000 hours, 410 of which were under adverse weather conditions (instrument flying) and about 2,000 as an instructor.

Ft. Devens—Headquarters Company, TC&S, finally lost its status as the largest company in the Army when it was split to make up a support battalion in December.

The change of status required a temporary move into a building which will soon be occupied by the Bn Headquarters. The newly-created battalion will move again when its own building becomes available.

Considering the distance involved and the cold, rainy weather, this mass movement exemplifies the spirit of ASA on the go!



"Pipes for Progress," taken by Specialist 4 Esteban Gamboa of Arlington Hall Station, won the First prize in the Experimental Category of the All-Army Photo Contest. Gamboa received a \$100 savings bond for the black and white photo.



The USASA Test and Evaluation Center received the post honor mess award for the month of October. From left to right, COL Ben L. Anderson, commander of the Ft. Huachuca Support Command, presents the Honor Mess Plaque to SFC Sandy Jones, mess steward, as assistant mess steward, SSG Delford Asbury and COL Leonard J. Fischer, commander of ASAT&EC look on. In the back row, left to right, are SP4 Ronald L. Hewitt, PVT Samuel E. Coats and SP4 Jesse L. Williams, cooks in the honor mess hall. (Photo by SP5 D. Rafferty)

TEXAS

Goodfellow — Some schools continually win league championships and leave a host of trophies to be admired by later classes of students. But others achieve more important goals without cramming the trophy case.

The ASA Det at Goodfellow AFB has led the "blood league" in the San Angelo area for many months.

In November, agency men contributed more than half the blood received by Blood Services, Inc., of San Angelo from Goodfellow units.

SFC Robert D. Reichert, project officer for the drive, received special praise in behalf of the agency's contribution of nearly 90 units for the month.



R AND R REPORT

USASA sports, recreation and entertainment



SP4 Ronald C. Papesh, halfback for Co A, FS Sobe, completes his fake pass past SP5 Donald R. Frye, partially obscured, as SP5 Grady S. Eggleston pivots to take the hand-off during action in the finals of the USARYIS Flag Football Championship.

(Photo by PFC Ron Walker)

FOOTBALL

Thailand—The Ramasun Station Cobras, representing the 7th RRFS, hosted the All-Thailand Flag Football Tournament for the first time and ran off with the title.

The double-elimination tourney, held late in November, consisted of teams from Bangkok, Sattahip and Korat, the 1968 crown holders.

The Cobras handed Korat two losses while winning all three of their games by convincing margins.

In the deciding contest, a 42-yard-pass play added the final tally to a 30-15 victory.

Specialist 4 James R. Snider Jr., of the Udorn champs was voted the Most Valuable Player for his outstanding performance during the three-day event.

The Cobras walked off with 17 Championship watches and a team trophy for their winning efforts.

Okinawa—A single point spelled the difference between first and second

place in the Company level football championship last December.

Company A of FS Sobe came up on the short end.

Following a second round loss, Co A put together five consecutive victories and earned the right to meet the unbeaten Signal Company "Berets."

Beating the 1st Special Forces Group representative 6-0 forced the two super teams into a second game—this one to decide the Torii Station Championship.

Relying upon their strong ground game, Co A's fleet backs provided expert ball control and a 6-point lead for the start of the second half.

When the "Berets" capped a brief rally with a 7-point TD, the agency squad's outstanding season come to a gloomy end.

BOWLING

Germany—Frankfurt's H&S Company overcame a superb performance by Herzo's one-man gang, Specialist 4 Clifton Edwards, to capture the 1969 ASA Europe Chief's Bowling Tournament held recently in Berlin.

Despite Edwards' heroics, which included an all-time tournament single game high of 290, the Herzo team failed to repeat its championship form of 1968.

Leading the Frankfurt team to victory was Sergeant First Class Thomas M. McMurray, who wound up with a share of the second place honors in the Doubles and third in the All-Events competition.

As a unit, the Frankfurt men amassed 6,363 pins to edge out Bad Aibling in the team event.

PISTOLS

Canal Zone—ASA again showed its prowess in the world of sports as the ASA Southern Command Pistol Team shot their way to the number one spot in the annual Ft. Clayton Pistol Matches conducted on November 18-19.

When the smoke cleared, agency marksmen had rolled up a team score of 2684 to leave the second-place team more than 300 points behind.

All ASA shooters were in the top half of the field on an individual basis with Specialist 5 Ron "George" Welch as top shooter of the day.

Specialists 5 Wayne Floyd and Jay Sisler and Specialist 4 Larry Smith

finished second, fifth and twelfth, respectively.

GOLF

Asmara—It was his last weekend in Asmara so First Sergeant Robert Hathaway decided to leave in a blaze of glory.

There would be farewell parties and lots of activity this last week, including one, last game of golf.

The links were full and the Hathaway foursome had to start on the back nine. With a rented club (his were already shipped), a borrowed ball and a hacked-up tee, the departing first sergeant peered down the par 4 number 10.

Here comes the blaze . . . Whack! One shot and his ball bounded into the cup, a mere 297 yards away.

A first for the course and a first for Hathaway, of course. What glory!

ZOT AWARD

To Specialist 5 Joe Mosby of SOUTH-COM for distinguishing himself as an outstanding mechanic while getting his car in shape for the Fort Clayton Grand Prix coming up in February.

One day while working diligently on his car, he cut a finger to the bone. The next day, with visions of winning and complete disregard for his finger, he returned to work on his car.

All went well for a while, but with the first swing of the hammer, SP5 Mosby missed his target, hit his knee and fractured a bone.

ZOT AWARD

Specialist 4 Todd Eggleston of Field Station, Homestead, discovered one afternoon that he had lost the only key in his possession to his 1969 Fiat. (The other key was with his girl friend in Ohio).

Since the wheels on a Fiat lock when the key is removed from the ignition, it is extremely difficult to tow, except at great expense. SP4 Eggleston, therefore, immediately called the Fiat dealers about cutting a key to his particular ignition. He soon learned that the key code charts which the dealers had were not up-to-date.

The thought occurred to him to check the only place he had visited (five miles away) on the day he lost the key, but he promptly dismissed it with, "Ah, it couldn't be there. I didn't drive." Instead, he busied himself with making numerous telephone calls to Ohio, the local locksmiths and to people in Italy who might know something about Fiats. He even hitchhiked 30 miles to North Miami in search of a locksmith who could cut a key from his key code. He then resorted to tearing his steering column apart in order to remove the ignition system. It was hopeless!

Seven days later, in sheer desperation, SP4 Eggleston finally checked the place he had originally dismissed as a possibility — Alabama Jack's Restaurant—and there hanging on a rusty nail behind the counter was . . . "you guessed it." ZOT!

KARATE

Chitose—Specialist 5 Tom Wade has come a long way from the KEE-YAH of hand-to-hand combat of basic training to his present form of self-defense.

During the past year, Wade became the first American at Kuma Station to earn the Second Degree Black Belt in Karate. This leap from First to Second Degree in less than one year is considered quite unusual in Karate circles.



TC&S Texas:

Harmony on the Range

**By CW2 Richard Greer
and
SFC Myron Bounds**

Goodfellow Air Force Base, named after WWI hero James J. Goodfellow, is located in the heart of Southwest Texas at San Angelo and is the home of the US Air Force Security Service School.

One of its most distinguishing professional features is that it is tri-service. This Air Force school is the center for all radio-telephone training within the US Army, Navy and Air Force. It became a tri-service facility in 1966 when the USASA established its detachment at Goodfellow.

The ASA Detachment, currently commanded by CPT Ronald C. Hale, was originally established as 2d Bn, USASA Training Regiment Goodfellow Detachment in March 1966. Later, in September 1967, it was redesignated the Goodfellow Detachment, USASATC&S, and placed under the administrative control of TC&S, Ft Devens, Mass.

There are 65 members in the permanent party of the detachment. Fifty-eight are instructors who are foreign-language qualified. Annually, they instruct approximately 700 ASA students in the technical application of their respective foreign language(s).

Detachment personnel, as integral members of this Air Force Base, participate freely and equally in all base activities. In addition to the base theater, NCO Club, swimming pool, tennis courts, judo room, handball courts and the offerings of the many dayrooms, the base actively promotes tri-service team sports such as flag football, basketball, softball, bowling and horseshoes and small bore and high-powered rifle competition.

For the less strenuous-minded, the servicemen's center and special services club offer a quiet atmosphere for bridge, reading, listening to records, television, dancing and letter writing.

A recent addition to base activities is the Camarata Chorale, an all-male, tri-service singing group that entertains on base as well as in the city of San Angelo.

A unique feature of the AFB is the Goodfellow recreation camp. The rec-



Possibly the first time an Army NCO was reenlisted by a Navy officer on an Air Force Base.



The rodeo—perhaps the most representative undertaking in southwest Texas.

recreation area is located on the shore of Lake Nasworthy and is leased from the city of San Angelo on a yearly basis. The camp's marina is considered to be one of the best in west Texas. The camp provides an ideal area for picnics and campsites. It also offers water skiing, fishing, motor boating and sailing as well as land-based sports.

Agency personnel enjoy membership in locally sponsored clubs including Kiwanis, Rotary, Masons and similar fraternal organizations, and several of them hold major positions in the VFW.

NCOs within the detachment have become active participants in local Boy Scouting activities, and frequently donate time to tutoring or lending assistance to parent-less boys living at the West Texas Boy's Ranch.

A failure to mention the city of San Angelo would be to paint an incomplete picture of life at Goodfellow Air Force Base. This city of 70,000 is a fundamental part of the lives of base personnel.

The first thing one notices upon arrival in this area is the traditional southern hospitality. Perhaps one contributing factor is that base housing is in a critical supply and base person-

nel find that they must rent or buy homes in the city; necessarily, they become an integral part of the community.

Rivalry between the city and the base is seen only when the city fathers and base personnel engage in such contests as slow pitch softball or the picturesque and unique game of donkey baseball.

San Angelo, though remarkably progressive, remains an interesting study in contrasts: not too distant from the headquarters building of historic Fort Concho is one of the most modern buildings that can be seen anywhere, a circular-domed junior high school named in honor of and dedicated by astronaut John H. Glenn; mod-style haircuts, mini-skirts and jeweled Nehru jackets appear concurrently with boots, levis and Stetsons; stock car races compete with rodeos; and fenced fields, containing fat, dairy cattle, border upon mesquite-studded rangeland where formerly grazed some of the leanest, meanest longhorns this country has ever seen.

San Angelo, billed as the "Wool Capital of the World," is also the home of the true cowboy (the one who kisses the horse and not the girl).

San Angelo residents experience no feeling of inconsistency while turning from the grace of the "Miss Wool" pageant to the earthy, rough and tumble enjoyment of another public event: the annual fat stock show and rodeo.

The rodeo, in the final analysis, is still the most representative undertaking in Southwest Texas.

Another local asset is Angelo State University. The university, together with the base education office, offers a well-rounded curriculum both on campus and on base. Three ASA men have received their degrees within the last year under the boot-strap program through this local school.

One final feature of San Angelo that must be mentioned is Ft. Concho. Established originally in 1867, as an outpost to protect early settlers from marauding Indians, the fort enjoyed a 22-year history and left a romantic legacy that still touches upon the lives of present day San Angeloans. It was at the Ft. Concho chapel that ASA Specialist 4 Anthony Bir wed San Angelo born Patricia Benton in August 1969 in the historically set "Wedding of the Century." (See *The Hallmark*, October 1969)



Base officials and city fathers engage in donkey softball, an annual event.



No, they are not the permanent party. These lovelies are the contestants for the nationally televised Miss Wool pageant.



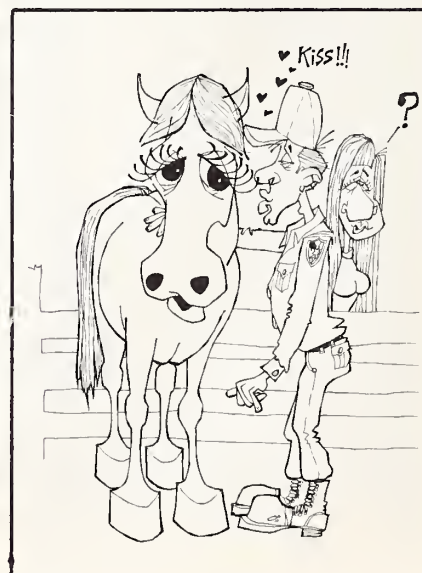
Lake Nasworthy, the site of the Goodfellow recreation camp, affords an ideal area for boating and fishing.

There is an exceptionally congenial atmosphere on base and in the city. The school facilities are modern and cooperative. The professional competence of our Navy and Air Force counterparts is in evidence throughout.

ASA personnel are quick to realize that Goodfellow AFB is a pleasant and rewarding assignment. ■



One of the most modern buildings in San Angelo, the John Glenn Junior High School.





ODCSPER

□ **Army Authorizes Proceed Time**—In order to preclude a soldier having to use part of his leave to clear his old post and process into a new one, DA has approved the official granting of Proceed Time for this purpose. Authorization is effective immediately.

Revised AR 630-5, which is due for publication soon, contains complete details. Highlights of this revised regulation, which also incorporates the provisions of AR 630-20, are as follows:

► Proceed Time is to be controlled and administered by the commander authorized to approve the service member's ordinary leave. It is to be considered as duty time and will not require a morning report entry.

► Maximum allowable Proceed Time is four days (which may be taken in increments) at each duty station. Number of days granted will be determined in light of individual needs and unit requirements.

► A retiring soldier may qualify for Proceed Time provided there is actual travel involved or when an agency other than his unit of assignment (even if on the same post) does the final processing.

► Proceed Time should be granted shortly before the individual's official departure from his old duty station and soon after his arrival at the new post. It is to be allowed only in connection with PCS moves and is not to be used as a substitute for or an extension of a leave or pass.

ODCSPER

□ **Non-Command Sponsored Dependent Travel to Thailand Discouraged**—Thinking of transporting your dependents to Thailand at your own expense? DA advises against it.

Non-command sponsored dependent travel to Thailand is discouraged for the following reasons:

► Adequate housing is scarce and very expensive.

► Dependent schools are not available in that country. Private schools are available for American children but tuition ranges from \$300 to \$1,300 per child, per year, depending on grade level.

► Individuals with non-command sponsored dependents in that country do not qualify for either a station allowance or tuition assistance.

OJAG

□ **Ease the Burden for Your Wife**—Service personnel preparing for unaccompanied overseas tours are urged to ease the burden of their wives by taking the following actions.

► Obtain and complete a copy of the Annual Legal Checkup, DD Form 1543, and insure that your will is up-to-date.

► Consult with your Legal Assistance Officer on personal income taxes, both federal and state, which are applicable to servicemen overseas. Arrange for partial payments to avoid a large tax bill upon your return to the U.S.

► Review all your insurance coverage, especially life insurance and method of payment to beneficiary, with an insurance broker.

► Notify your creditors of your departure. If time payments are made on anything, arrange for continuance of payments to prevent repossession.

► Clear up all traffic citations before you depart because an arrest warrant can be served upon your return.

► Plan to open a separate checking account for yourself upon arrival overseas or keep finances on a cash basis. Leave the joint checking account with your wife for her exclusive use while you are overseas to avoid inadvertent overdrafts.

► Prepare to take full advantage of the government-sponsored 10 per cent interest on overseas savings accounts.

► Acquaint your wife with the nearest Army Community Service center where she can avail herself of 1) assistance in meeting routine and unexpected problems and 2), activities sponsored by the center, such as the Waiting Wives Program.

ODCSPER

□ **New Extension Policy Announced for Officers Serving Obligated Tours**—Non-regular first lieutenants nearing the end of their two-year obligated active duty tour will have to decide earlier whether to leave the service or accept promotion to captain and incur an additional year.

A recent policy change requires these officers to submit either a promotion declination statement or an extension request no later than 90 days before ETS. Previous guidelines indicated that one of these statements "should be" submitted at the 90-days-to-ETS point. Many lieutenants however, held off until almost the last day and thereby complicated the Army assignment planning process.

This modification in no way changes the procedures for requesting Voluntary Indefinite or Regular Army status. Individuals with less than 90 days to ETS who desire to remain on active duty in a career category may still apply.

Additional information is contained in DA Message 917956 dated July 29, 1969, and will be included in the forthcoming change to AR 624-100.

ODCSPER

□ **Army Suggestion Program Has Another Banner Year**—Good ideas continue to pay off! This was shown by the record \$1.5 million awarded soldiers and civilians during FY 1969—the most successful in the 26-year history of the Army Suggestion Program.

The number of suggestions submitted during the year totaled 142,375, an increase of 15 per cent over FY 1968. Of this number, 33,475 were adopted, saving the government \$91 million. This was a \$20 million increase over the previous year.

As may well be seen, the right angle from which to approach any problem is the "try" angle, so why not suggest today.

. . . Braces and All

*by Ronald Walker
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USASA FS, Sobe, Okinawa*

"It all started when I was born," he laughed. "I was 23" long at birth and my mother was small. Consequently, my legs were bowed. They tried a traction unit on them, but that made the bones soft. So I have been in and out of leg braces since I was a kid." He paused for a moment in his narrative, replacing his small cigar with a sip of coffee. A conspicuous white cast covering his right forearm ("I fell, trying to get away from a Chihuahua.") complicated this usually simple maneuver, but the cigar was soon back in place and the narrative resumed.

"This leg condition hasn't been helped through the years by a couple of car wrecks and such things as a house falling on me. Once, while working in construction with my brother, the wall of a house fell on me."

Reporters, even those in the Army, are said to be made up of equal portions of cynicism and gullibility, and as I sat and listened to Staff Sergeant John N. Norwood Jr., of the 400th Special Forces Detachment (ASA) I found both of these qualities stimulated. But there on the sides of his combat boots were the orthopedic braces, whose background I had just scribbled down in my pad. The rest of his uniform was standard Army issue excepting the fact that he wore the U.S. Army Master Parachutist Badge over his left pocket and the French Senior Parachutist wings over the right.

Braces, in either the literal or figurative sense, are perhaps the last thing to come to your mind when talking to SSG Norwood. The 32-year-old sandy-haired native of Illinois has 11 years behind him in the Army. He neither flaunts nor hides these pieces of steel around his lower legs. The braces usually find themselves simply ignored by their owner. They probably would not be there at all if their owner had the final say in the matter. However, two years ago Army doctors told him that they were to be permanent fixtures on his legs. This followed an accident at Camp Hardy in which Norwood was run over by a small boat.

I ventured the question if any of this bothered him.

"Bother me?" he shot back with an easy laugh. "Broke both my legs."

"No, I mean did you ever think of quitting after all these accidents?"

"Nope," he replied with almost a scientific air. "With all of this steel on my legs now, I'm better off than most people. I know that I can't break my legs now."

Norwood's attachment to the military began as a 16-year-old, when he joined an Illinois National Guard unit activated in the wake of the Korean crisis.

"I got as far as the boot camp at Fort Knox where they threw me out for being under age. They sent me home," he chuckled amid the smoke from his cigar. "In June of 1955, I enlisted in the Navy," he went on, "and I was in the underwater demolition program until they threw me out with a busted eardrum. That was in September of 1955." However, the

parting of the ways between the military and SSG Norwood was to be brief. As he waited for his eardrum to heal, he worked in construction and as a steel worker. There was even the time when he worked in a couple of rodeos. ("Only small-time stuff," he assured me. "I never won as much as most people put up for entry fees.")

In 1958, with his eardrum healed, he enlisted in the Army.

During jump school at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, Norwood said that he managed not to draw any attention to his braces by hiding them under-



SSG John Norwood of the 400th Special Operations Detachment is shown relaxing just prior to a recent practice jump. SSG Norwood—braces and all—has over 130 jumps to his credit.

(Photo by PFC Ron Walker)

neath patches on his boots. He joined the Special Forces in June 1962, remaining with them until the present.

Throughout his globetrotting Army career, he has held "either nine or ten MOSs," everything from Tank Crewman, Artilleryman, Infantryman, Heavy Weapons Specialist to Service Cryptological Supervisor and Morse Intercept. He speaks both Swahili and French fluently together with some German and Vietnamese. During his first 12-month tour in South Vietnam, he served with the 1st US Infantry Division, the 22d Vietnamese River Assault Group, the 11th Armored Cavalry and the 5th Royal Australian Regiment, Infantry.

Norwood's plans for the future are as interesting as his history. He hopes to find his way back to language school long enough to pick up fluency in Arabic, and he is currently attempting to enter the Army's Ski School in Japan to be held in January and February of this year. I asked him when all of this got started.

"When the hospital here in Okinawa started to make me a pair of ski boots," was the quick reply.

"Have you ever skied before?" I asked.

"Nope, but I thought I would give it a try."

Returning to the question of his braces just for a moment as we

closed, SSG Norwood told me of a change in the offing regarding their "deployment." "They are trying to build the braces right into the lining of my next pair of boots. That should help out, because for a while in every new unit I came into, the only way that I was able to jump was to jump as the wind dummy. The jump masters were afraid of putting all that steel in the air with other people around.

"As they are now, they don't bother me, although they do slow me up a bit on the PCPT test."

SSG Norwood recorded a 425 out of 500 on the test last October—braces and all. ■



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As I See It

By William C. Dials
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What are the responsibilities of a supervisor in recommending individuals for promotion? Are they simple, routine? Should they be taken lightly? For a clear and fair appraisal of the situation, I am happy to present the following article in my column. Reprinted from THE GLASS BALL, it was written by Lieutenant Colonel T. F. Bartholomew, commanding officer of USASAFS, Shemya.

Promotion is a subject which is of primary concern to every man in the unit.

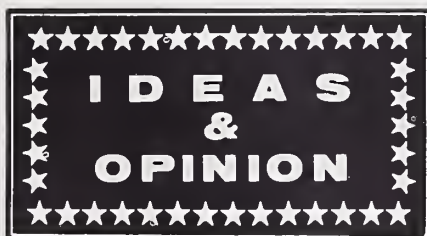
Everyone feels he is doing his job well and should be promoted as soon as he becomes eligible. The eligibility criteria are relatively easy to understand, it is a simple matter (for a while) for a supervisor to find promotion criteria that a man does not meet, if he does not want to recommend him for promotion. But eventually, only one requirement for promotion remains to deny a man promotion—"Must be Recommended by His Supervisor."

When this point is reached, there seems to be a breakdown in the system. For some reason, possibly lack of sufficient courage to stand by one's convictions, there are supervisors who will, when all other excuses run out, recommend a man for promotion when he is not deserving rather than tell him why they have not recommended him.

Several injustices are perpetrated when this occurs. You have placed the recommendation on someone else up the chain of command rather than accept your own responsibility. This is unfair, inconsiderate and irresponsible. You may be the only person sufficiently familiar with the man's shortcomings and your recommendation could result in the promotion of an unqualified individual. This is unjust to both the man and the service.

There is only one acceptable solution. If you have the responsibility to recommend qualified men for promotion, you must also accept the responsibility to not recommend unqualified men. You then have the additional task to counsel him as to why he is not qualified so he may know where he has to improve. If the man is qualified, recommend; if he is not, counsel him.

It is necessary to be honest with others, it is rewarding to be honest with yourself.



(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following editorial was written by Captain Wallace P. Brown, 101st Airborne Division, while serving in Vietnam.)

Teenagers, the generation gap—has the question "What is happening to our youth?" entered your mind recently?

Books, movies and "authorities" on youth have tried to give an answer. But for what it's worth, consider mine:

I say our youth are dying—not in body, but in mind.

During the latter part of my tour in Vietnam I served with a replacement company. There I saw a great many young men entering and leaving the country. For the most part, they required only to grit their teeth and accept the fact that they were a part of the war. They were no longer looking in from the outside.

The young troopers' first reaction was that the war was not as they had

imagined. They realized that fellow soldiers did not randomly kill civilians, their effort was of and for the people.

Following this realization they needed little help in standing on their own feet. They were anxious the first few months, their eyes and ears always open. They accepted advice from those who had been in the country longer than they. Their minds grew sharp and their muscles strong from the endless search for an elusive enemy and from the ruck-sacks strapped on their backs.

They managed somehow to outlast the heat of the day, only to shiver with the cold at night. They learned that the color of a man's skin does not affect his bravery or companionship. Who would question the color of hands carrying one to safety?

Sharing their food with Vietnamese children, they shed tears of frustration and learned the meaning of compassion. With pride in their hearts, they stood tall.

As I watched the young men's transformation, my answer to the "youth problem" became clear; our youth are dying at an alarming rate, and are reborn men.

Colonel Gordon R. Davis, recently a unit commander in the 101st Airborne Division, took time to talk with the division's young troopers:

"Yesterday I talked to a group of over a hundred replacements. Standing in formation I could see their youth and could not help wondering at their size, all standing nearly six feet tall. Today as I talk to you going home, it saddens me to see no youth among you. While some of you are not yet twenty, all I see is men."

The blond, freckle-faced skinny "boys" are dying, and from that mass of blood and flesh emerge men, proud and strong. Let there be no question of our youth. Whether or not they have had the opportunity to serve their country, they will carry our banner as high, if not higher, than the "old men"—the "old men" who once themselves battled the charging enemy and gave their lives for freedom.

Let us give thanks and be proud of our youth, and criticize less. For our youth can stand as well as any man. (AFPS) ■



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